

MINUTES

Louisiana Statewide Independent Living Council
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
January 9, 2014

Council Members Present:

Wayne Blackwell, Secretary
Rev. Mallery Callahan
Gale Dean, Vice-Chair
Rocky Fuselier, Treasurer
Mitch Granger, Chair
Paige Kelly
Peter Lambousy

Members Absent

Walker Estes
Keith Menville
Jeff Pellegrin
Amanda Vinson
Tara Warner, Member at large

Guests Present:

Mark Martin, LRS Director
Rosemary Yesso, LRS Bureau Administrator
Ellis Roussel, GODA Interim Executive Director
Laura Meaux, SILC Program Coordinator

Call to Order

Mitch Granger called the third quarter meeting of Fiscal Year 2014 to order at 10:15 am, followed by the pledge of allegiance and prayer. No quorum was present as Paige represents a state agency and is a non-voting member per Section 705 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Introductions

New member Peter Lambousy
New Interim Executive Director of GODA (Governor's Office of Disability Affairs) Ellis Roussel

Approval of the Minutes

Review of the October 3, 2013 SILC meeting minutes held since a quorum not present; there were no comments.

Partners Updates

- A. LRS (Louisiana Rehabilitation Services) Director, Mark Martin, gave update
 - Exceeded goal of 2013 annual performance indicators' goal and plans to make all six (6) annual performance indicators this year in 2014.
 - Discussed supportive employment and outreach efforts.
- B. GODA Interim Executive Director, Ellis Roussel, gave update
 - State worker trainings to be held after legislative sessions ends
 - Legislative session begins in about two (2) months
 - Presented constituent calls information and recent GOLD awards and Art Show contest

C. CILs

- a. Gale Dean gave updates on New Horizons including the following:
 - o Monroe office down past two (2) weeks due to building damage and staff working out of their homes
 - o August 9, 2014 is the 3rd Roundup Fundraiser hosted by New Horizons in Shreveport
- b. Mitch Granger gave updates on SLIC including the following:
 - o Outgrowing building and need more room for staff
 - o Plans completed to build on next-door lot that was previously purchased, however, waiting to see economic turn this year with Obamacare and various health care issues
 - o 704 Report for 2013 had good numbers and SLIC is growing in services with new tracking system (New Horizons as well)

Break

The Council broke at 11:15 am and resumed at 11:30 am.

Budget Quarterly Update

Rocky Fuselier, Treasurer, presented the 2nd quarter 2013-2014 budget with expenditures made in October and November 2013 as December 2013 was not yet available.

Mitch requested increasing the time spent at each meeting to either a full eight (8) hour day or a day and a half. This will be discussed during the April 2014 meeting during the next fiscal year budget discussion as this will require an increase in travel expenditures.

Old Business

National Rehabilitation Association's Southwest Region & LRS 2013 Training Conference – held November 13-15, 2013 in Baton Rouge

- Mitch Granger, Gale Dean, and Tara Warner of SILC attended
- Mitch and Gale gave a brief summary of the Conference, great information and networking experience with LRS
- Gale met and eventually hired a New Horizons Independent Living Center employee while at the Conference

Membership Search Update

Program Coordinator will discuss with Boards and Commissions the terms of each current Council member, including Paige Kelly. Mark Martin stated his willingness to serve on the Council should Paige's term end. Paige stated she will continue attending SILC meetings as a guest should her term end.

Break

The Council broke at 12:00 noon for lunch and resumed at 1:00 pm.

2014-2016 SPIL (State Plan for Independent Living)

The Council broke into SPIL Committees to implement the State Plan. Each Committee gave a brief summary of the progress and target dates for implementation. SILC Coordinator will update the SPIL Action Plan and distribute to the Council along with member contact information.

New Business

None noted

Upcoming Events

Coaching Certification Course is being held this February 13-15, 2014 at the Louisiana Center for the Blind. Contact information is miranda@1touchproject.com .

Upcoming SILC Meetings

- A. April 10th 2014 quarter 4 meeting approved to be held in Lake Charles.

- B. 2014-2015 Tentative Meetings:
 - a. Q1 – July 2014
 - b. Q2 – October 2014
 - c. Q3 – January 2015
 - d. Q4 – April 2015

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Mitch at 2:05pm.